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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, CIA RECONNAISSANCE PROGRAMS DIRECTOR, PROGRAM D

SUBJECT: Oxcart Phase Down

Forwarded herewith for implementation and further dissemination as required are DNRO Scope Cotton Decisions Numbers 10, 11, and 12.

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DNRO Scope Cotton No. 10

Cross Reference Action Items: 1023, 3024

Effective 1 January 1968, the NRO OXCART facilities now located at 25X1 Eielson, will each be transferred, less communication equipment, to the base at which it is presently located. Communications equipment will be reported to AFOCCD for disposition instructions.

USAF personnel assigned to each base as of 1 January 1968 will be transferred to that base in accordance with applicable regulations and directives.

The major air command having cognizance will use these facilities to support SAC in accordance with applicable approved operational concepts in effect at the time of transfer. If no applicable approved operational concepts are in effect at the time of transfer, then the major air command having cognizance will use these facilities in accordance with directives from Hq USAF.

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Scope Cotton Decision No. 11

Cross Reference Action Items: 1015, 4003, 4004

The YF-12A aircraft are authorized to use YJ-58 engines and resources on a non-interference basis with the OXCART program to meet approved F-12 program objectives. This authority does not extend to F-12 aircraft potentials at this time.

Through December 31, 1967, all YJ-58 engines are to considered, in effect, a "pool" available for both OXCART and YF-12A use. In accordance with Scope Cotton Decision No. 8, installed engine removals are to be replaced from servicable (as defined in Decision 3) inventories in lieu of contractor overhaul.

Between May 1, 1967 and June 1, 1967, no more than four YJ-58 engines may be put into the overhaul line without the prior approval of the DNRO. After June 1, 1967, no further YJ-58 engines will be put into the overhaul line without the prior approval of the DNRO. Should contractor overhaul of YJ-58 engines be required after 1 June 1967 to meet the Dec 31, 1967 requirement for 10 serviceable engines for storage (Decision 3), the NRO Comptroller will determine the extent to which the OXCART and/or YF-12 (F-12 program) pay for approved overhauls.

Decisions with respect to the allocation of YJ-58 engines for YF-12A aircraft (F-12 program) use after December 31, 1967 will be made once the status of the F-12 program has been determined by OSD.

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DNRO Scope Cotton Decision No. 12

Cross Reference Action Items: 3015, 3016, 3017

Effective July 1, 1967, responsibility for all follow-on SR-71 operational support contracting with the exception of those contracts with Lockheed and Pratt-Whitney will be transferred from the CIA to the

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An objective is that the total transfer of follow-on SR-71 operational support contracting and funding to Air Force channels will be completed on or before January 1, 1968. Specific transfer dates for Lockheed and Pratt-Whitney SR-71 operational support contracting responsibility will be the subject of a separate DNRO Scope Cotton Decision.

In addition, responsibility for any <u>new R&D</u> and production contracting <u>exclusively</u> concerned with the SR-71 will also be transferred from the CIA to the AFSC/SPO effective July 1, 1967. Contracting and funding responsibility for <u>new SR-71</u> connected R&D and production efforts with multiple application to other programs will be determined on an individual case basis during the normal budget/financial program cycle.

The CIA will continue the administration of current contracts to completion. The CIA will also continue to administer contracts which it has previously written and whose present scope of work require FY 68 funding.

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